(f) Does not arise.

(g) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bangalore has been approved by the Directorate General Civil Aviation (DGCA) for carrying out major inspection of boeing 737 aircraft. HAL, Kanpur is also planning to undertake such major maintenance of aircraft in the fleet of air taxi operators.

Hub and spoke scheme formulated by Air India.

796. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of Civil Aviation and Tourism be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has given any approval to the hub and spoke scheme formulated by Air India in collaboration with Vayudoot;

(b) whether any special training has been imparted to the crew ground staff of Air India and Vayudoot in this record;

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred so far; and

(d) by when Government propose to implement the above scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir, Such commercial arrangements do not require Government approval.

(b) and (c) Air India has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 9 lakhs (Approx.) for training Vayudoot personnel. Vayudoot has incurred expenditure on TA|DA of its staff.

(d) No definite date can be indicated at this preliminary stage.

AIR Taxi operating on regular schedule Air services

797. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to several advertisements in the leading news-papers issued by air taxi operators indicating that they are operating regular scheduled air services to destinations such as Bombay-Calicut-Bombay, Bombay-Mangalore-Bombay, Bombay-Cochin-Bombay, Bombay-Ahmedabad-Bombay, Bombay-Delhi-Bombay;

(b) if so, whether under the provisions of Air Corporations Act, 1953 such regular and scheduled air services are allowed;

(c) whether Government propose to clarify that these air taxi operators are prohibited from operating scheduled air services within India in accordance with the provisions contained in the Air Corporations Act; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) As per the existing Air Taxi Guidelines (AIC 24 of 1990) operation of Air Taxi Service is on non scheduled charter basis only. The Air Taxi operators have been asked to follow the Air Taxi Guidelines strictly and not to publish any schedule of operations.

Air Safety Violations

798. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the number of incidents of air safety violations which were taken note of by the DGCA in the case of Air India,

Indian Airlines and private air taxi ope-

(b) what action has been taken by the Government to prevent such incidents; and

(c) whether Government have suspended the licence of any scheduled air taxi operator in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) There have been three significant incidents of air safety violations in the recent past. These incidents pertained to Air Taxi operators.

(b) DGCA monitors the observance of safety norms by all operators. Deficiencies observed are brought to the notice of the operators for corrective action. Measures such as suspension of permit, cancellation of Certificate of Airworthiness etc. are also taken wherever called for.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Reconstitution of ITDC Board

799. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI J. S. RAJU:

Will the MINISTER OF CVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 281 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 992 and state :

(a) what is the number of members of ITDC Board as on date with their names, official designations and the date on which each was nominated and the date of expiry of the term of each Member;

(b) when was the ITDC Board reconstituted last;

(c) whether there is any proposal to reconstitute the Board of ITDC to improve its functioning; and

(d) if not, what other steps are being taken to improve the image and functioning of ITDC ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) At present following officers have been appointed as Directors on the Board of Directors of ITDC until further orders :—

Sl. No.	Name	Designation	Date of appointment
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1.	Shri Anil Bhandari	Chairman & Managing Director, ITDC	1.10.1992 (AN)
2.	Shri Yogesh Chandra	Director General (Tourism)	24.1.1991
3.	Shri A. K. Aggarwal	Financial Advisor (Tourism)	4.8.1992

(b) The last ITDC Board was constituted in October, 1985.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Civil Airport at Jubbar Hatti in Shimla

800. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATNON AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the civil airport at Jubbar Hatti in Shimla District is surrounded by unstable slopes; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking for the improvement of this airport ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The National Air-